

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended): Bending pliers for perforated bone plates, comprising:

two jaws movable relative to one another, including a receiving jaw having two spaced-apart ~~receptacles~~ pin members with an axial extent for insertion ~~into~~ through holes of a substantially planar bone plate to be received, the ~~receptacles~~ pin members having an outside diameter which is variable along their axial extent in order to cooperate with different hole types; and

a pressure-exerting jaw comprising a pressure-exerting element which, when the bending pliers are actuated, cooperates with a received bone plate in a region between the two ~~receptacles~~ pin members.

2. (Currently Amended): The bending pliers according to claim 1, wherein the ~~receptacles~~ pin members are designed for form-fitting cooperation with different hole types.

3. (Currently Amended): The bending pliers according to claim 1, wherein the ~~receptacles~~ pin members have an outside diameter which increases in a stepped or continuous manner starting from free ends of the ~~receptacles~~ pin members.

4. (Currently Amended): The bending pliers according to claim 1, wherein the ~~receptacles~~ pin members extend substantially perpendicularly to a pressure-exerting direction.

5. (Currently Amended): The bending pliers according to claim 1, wherein the ~~receptacles~~ pin members extend substantially parallel to a pressure-exerting direction.

6. (Original): The bending pliers according to claim 1, wherein the pressure-exerting element is of a substantially peg-shaped design.

7. (Currently Amended): The bending pliers according to claim 6, wherein, in a pressure-exerting position, the two ~~receptacles~~ pin members and the peg-shaped pressure-exerting element extend substantially parallel or perpendicularly to one another.

8. (Currently Amended): The bending pliers according to claim 1, wherein the axial extent of the ~~receptacles~~ pin members corresponds approximately to the axial extent of the pressure-exerting element.

9. (Currently Amended): A bending-pliers system comprising:

bending pliers having two jaws movable relative to one another, including a receiving jaw having two spaced-apart ~~receptacles~~ pin members with an axial extent for insertion ~~into~~ through holes of a substantially planar bone plate to be received, and

a pressure-exerting jaw comprising a pressure-exerting element which, when the bending

pliers are actuated, cooperates with a received bone plate in a region between the two ~~receptacles~~ pin members, the ~~receptacles~~ pin members having an outside diameter which is variable along their axial extent in order to cooperate with different hole types; and

at least two types of substantially planar bone plates, each with a different hole type, or a substantially planar bone plate with holes of different types.

10. (Original): The bending-pliers system according to claim 9, wherein the bone plates are bone plates with a single row of holes.

11. (Original): The bending-pliers system according to claim 9, wherein the distances between each two holes of different types of bone plates or of a bone plate with regionally different hole types are equal or are an integral multiple of one another.

12. (Currently Amended): Bending-pliers with jaws that are moveable relative to one another, comprising:

a first jaw having two spaced-apart ~~receptacle portions~~ pin members for insertion ~~into~~ through holes of a substantially planar bone plate to be received, the ~~receptacle portions~~ pin members each having a free end and an outside diameter that increases starting from the free end; and

a second jaw supporting a counter-bearing element that cooperates upon actuation of the bending pliers with a received bone plate in a region between the two ~~receptacle portions~~ pin members of the first jaw.

13. (Currently Amended): The bending pliers of claim 12, wherein the ~~receptacle portions~~ pin members are designed to form-fittingly cooperate with bone plate holes of different diameters.

14. (Currently Amended): The bending pliers according to claim 12, wherein the ~~receptacle portions~~ pin members extend substantially perpendicularly to a direction in which the counter-bearing element is moved when the bending-pliers are actuated.